

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Registration of Audio Visual Media
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of print, audio and visual media registered in the country;
- (b) whether they abide by the rules and regulations prescribed by the Government and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any of them forfeited registration for violating rules of registration and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government attempted or felt the need to amend rules and regulations in tune with fast changing perceptions of the society particularly in the background of fast changes occurring in concepts of freedom, extremism, terrorism, sex, etc. and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING {COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)}

(a) & (b) 1,32,336 Publications are registered in the country with the office of Registrar of Newspapers for India as on 31.3.2017. 44 Indian Companies to operate FM radio channels and 890 Private Satellite TV channels are registered in the country. Publications (Newspapers and periodicals) have to follow the norms prescribed in Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867. Private FM Radio broadcasters have to follow the rules and regulation prescribed in the Grant of Permission Agreement (GOPA) signed by them with the Government. Private Satellite TV channels are required to abide by the terms and conditions as mentioned in the Policy Guidelines for Uplinking and Downlinking of Private Satellite TV channels in India.

(c) As regards audio media, permissions granted to six companies under FM Phase-II have been revoked for violation of the provisions of GOPA, the details of which is placed at Annexure-I.

As far as Visual Media is concerned, registration of a total number of 101 permissions has been cancelled due to violations of rules of registration. In addition to this, there are 9 more channels whose permission were cancelled by the Ministry due to security denial by M/o Home Affairs, however stay order was given by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court against the cancellation orders. A detailed list of the channels has been placed at Annexure-II.

However, no registration has been cancelled in Print Media for violating rules of registration.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry.
